(c) whelher any research institutes have been set up *to* modernise gur production units; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) Government proposes to undertake a special study on gur industry.

(c) No such research institute has been set up by the Ministry of Food, so far.

(d) Question does not arise.

**Small scale Units Manufacturing Gur**

1581. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government have identified the number of small scale units manufacturing gur in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

u) the State-wise break up of gur manufacturing units ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRl KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Question **does** not arise.

**Price rise in fotd itein**

1582. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA. Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whetiier it is a fact that there has been a rise ia the prices of food items in the recent period;

tb) if *so, the* details- therefor; and

(c) Government's reaction in this re gard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH **RAI);** (a) and (b) A statement showing percentage variation in indices of wholesale prices of selected essential ood items during the month of April 1994 to Inly 1994 is attached. *'See* below).

(C) The Government has been monitoring the prices' and availability of essential commodities on regular basis. Inter-Ministerial Committees monitor prices of selected essential commodities for appropriate and timely action.

**Statement**

*Month-wise percentage variation in the wholesale price index numbers of selected essential food items during the month of April, 1994 to July, 1994*

| Commodity | Percentage Variation | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | April 94 | May, 94 | June, 94 | July, 94 (upto 16-7-94) |
| Rice | Steady | —0.9 | +0.9 | +2.2 |
| Wheat | —4.1 | —3.0 | +0.3 | +1.7 |
| Gram | —7.7 | +1.2 | —0.3 | —2.8 |
| Arhar | —1.6 | —1.6 | +0.2 | +2.4 |
| Potatoes | —2.1 | —1.7 | +16.9 | +16.8 |
| Onions | —13.1 | —2.7 | —0.7 | +1.9 |
| Milk | +4.2 | +4.2 | —0.1 | —0.3 |
| Tea | —6.8 | +14.0 | +2.7 | +18.1 |
| Atta | —1.8 | +0.2 | —0.3 | —0.4 |
| Sugar | +1.9 | +4.8 | +0.8 | —3.1 |
| Salt | —0.1 | —0.3 | Steady | Steady |
| Vanaspati | +2.6 | +5.0 | —0.1 | +0.5 |
| Mustard oil | +2.1 | +1.4 | +1.3 | +1.6 |
| Coconut oil | +0.3 | —0.7 | —0.6 | —1.2 |
| Groundnut oil | +6.6 | +3.1 | +3.5 | +3.6 |